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SUBJECT: GOT QUERY OF \$50 MILLION GRANT TO ISRAEL

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1. YOU MAY DRAW UPON FOLLOWING BACK-GROUND INFORMATION IN ANSWERING QUERIES ON U. S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL.

2. PL 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1973, TOTAL-LING \$62.5 MILLION, WAS SIGNED IN OCTOBER 1972.

3. SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR FY 73 TOOK FORM OF A \$50 MILLION COMMODITY IMPORT AGREEMENT SIGNED MARCH 9, 1973. ITS INTENT IS TO HELP ISRAEL MAINTAIN ECONOMIC STABILITY IN A PERIOD OF HEAVY DEFENSE EXPENDITURES.

4. WHILE SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE MAY BY ITS CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL ISRAELI RESOURCES BE HELPFUL IN RESETTLING IMMI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRANTS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM SOVIET UNION, IT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONFUSED WITH REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT GRANT WHICH PROVIDES \$50 MILLION TO HELP IN RESETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL AND ELSEWHERE OF EMIGRANTS FROM SOVIET UNION. THIS GRANT IS RESULT OF CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE AND WE EXPECT TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON APRIL 6 WHEREUNDER \$31 MILLION WILL BE DISBURSED IN FY 73 FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE

OF REFUGEES IN TRANSIT; EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RETRAINING OF REFUGEES; AND CONSTRUCTION AND PROCUREMENT OF HOUSING, HOSPITAL FACILITIES AND ABSORPTION CENTERS. ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO ICEM AND BALANCE WILL BE SPENT IN FY 1974. RUSH

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